APPENDIX

[Vide answer to starred question No. 1074 asked by Sri K. Aranganathan at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 4th March 1955, page 432 supra.]

G.O. No. 1360, Education, dated 23rd September 1954.

The Policy of the Government in the matter of secondary education is to encourage the establishment of schools by local bodies and private agencies. The Government will step in only in localities where neither local bodies nor private agencies come forward to open schools. In respect of non-Government schools, preference will be shown to private agencies. The intention of the Government is that the funds available with the local bodies should be utilized to the best advantage and that these bodies need not compete with private agencies in the matter of provision of facilities for secondary education. The primary responsibility of a local body is to provide adequate facilities for elementary education in the area within its jurisdiction. In accordance with the instructions issued in G.O. No. 352, Education, dated 31st March 1954, local bodies, particularly district boards, should defer all schemes of expansion of facilities for secondary education and concentrate on the provisions of facilities for elementary education in their areas and on perfecting them.

2. In some cases, however, the local public are not able to bear the entire responsibility for a new school, though they may be willing to co-operate and raise substantial funds for the opening and maintenance of a high school, if some other agency comes forward to establish a school in the locality. The Government consider that local initiative and local contributions should be given due encouragement and that the local bodies concerned, district boards in rural areas and municipal councils in municipal areas, may avail themselves of the offer of the local public towards the provision of facilities for secondary education, provided that their commitments in the field of secondary education are not increased beyond their means.

3. The Government have decided that local bodies may be permitted to open new secondary schools or additional forms in existing schools, if contributions can be secured from the local public on the following minimum scale :—

Buildings.—A building sufficient to accommodate the several classes of the new school should be provided by the Local Committee at its own cost. The building should be conveyed to the local body through a registered deed, the Committee meeting the stamp and registration charges. If it is not possible for the Committee to put up a building at its own cost, it should deposit with the District Board a sum of Rs. 50,000 or Rs. 30,000 for the construction of a building according as the institution to be opened in the locality is a high school or a middle school. If additional

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Forms (IV to VI) are opened, the amount to be deposited for provision of additional accommodation will be Rs. 20,000. Temporary structures should not be accepted, unless arrangements have been made by the Committee for the construction of a permanent building.

Recurring cost.—The local public should deposit with the local body, contributions indicated below, towards the cost of maintenance of new schools or higher forms to be opened in the existing schools for a period of three years :—

	Opening of middle schools.	Opening of high schools.	Opening of Forms IV to VI in middle schools.
	(1)	(2)	(3)
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Cost for first year ..	1,500	1,500	..
Cost for second year ..	2,500	2,900	400
Cost for third year ..	2,600	3,800	1,200
	6,600	8,200	1,600

The contributions due for the first two years should be required to be paid immediately. Time may, however, be given for the payment of the contribution due for the third year before the end of the second year.

Equipment.—If the local contribution towards building and recurring charges is adequate, and if it is found, that the local public are not able to make any further contribution, the local body may meet the expenditure connected with the supply of equipment for the school from its general funds. If local contributions can be secured towards the purchase of equipment also, the liability to the district board in this matter should be limited to the extent not covered by local contribution.

Land for building and playground.—Lands belonging to Government or local bodies may be made available to the extent possible. The further land required should be secured by the local public or the local public should meet the cost of its acquisition. The land required for playground should be secured for the school within a period of five years.

4. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to issue further instructions, if necessary, to ensure that the orders of Government in paragraph 3 above are strictly followed by local bodies. A copy of the instructions issued should be forwarded to Government for information.

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